



# Whaddon News

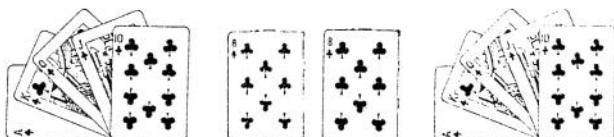


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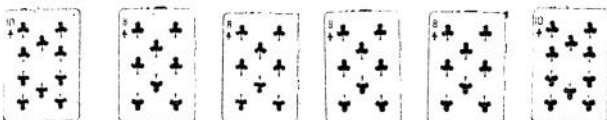
## Village News

The Village Fete & BBQ were a spectacular success this year. Hard work by all the committee and others managed to raise £1076.97 at the Fete and £585.78 at the BBQ. Despite numbers at the BBQ being slightly down on previous years the party atmosphere was unaffected and everybody had a wonderful time. At the Church Fete, once again held at the Old Rectory, the magnificent sum of £2,700.00 was raised towards Church funds.

To finish off a wonderful summer of events there was the first Ox Roast held on 1st October after the Harvest Festival at the Parish Church. Even though the numbers were small it was a very nice evening. We all enjoyed Beef off the Spit, Salad, Bake Potatoe, Apple pie and cream to follow. This was all thanks to Margaret Wilson and her Helpers. The Children's Christmas Party Fund will benefit to the sum of £94.01 thanks to the efforts of all who helped. I must make a special mention of my little sales team: Hayley Coningsby, Amy Byatt, Claire Pascoe, Rebecca & Ruth Neale. Between them they raised £16.25 on the night selling extra meat & drinks.



The Village Hall committee gave an early announcement of a Casino Evening to be held on Saturday 2nd Dec at 8pm. Tickets £5.00 to include £1.00 worth of gambling chips & supper. Licence Bar. **No under 18's allowed.** Tickets strictly limited to 1st come 1st serve. Contact Margaret Wilson 207219, Terry Allison 207710 or any committee member.



## Welcome to Whaddon

Welcome to Roger Taylor who has moved to Meldreth Road. He works in Royston at Johnson Matthey. And to Geoff and Wendy Lane, who live in Bridge Street. Also welcome to Michael Wilton-Cox; and to Noel and Ellie, more newcomers to Bridge Street.

## REFUSE COLLECTION



Tues 19 December - Normal collection service

Tues 26 December - No Collection

Tues 2nd January - Will be collected Wed 3rd Jan.

## CONGRATULATION

**Christian Aid** collection raised £118.03.

**Lifeboat** collection raised £94.44.

and between them Amy Byatt, Hayley Coningsby and Amy Walker under the guidance of Margaret Hewat raised over £150 for **Action for Children**, from the Sunday School.



Advance warning that the Children's Christmas Party will be held on Friday 22nd December 1995 from 4pm-6pm. We hope Father Christmas will be able to come and meet all the children 11 years and under.



## **STREET LIGHTING SURVEY**

Further to our recent questionnaire delivered to all houses in the village, we are pleased to inform you of the result of the replies we received.

Of the 120-130 delivered we had 58 replies: 21 from Meldreth Road, 15 from Church Street and 22 from Bridge Street. The result was 31 no and 27 yes to question 1 which asked "Are you in favour of any kind of street lighting in the village?"

The breakdown being as follows:

	No	Yes
Meldreth Road	12	9
Church Street	9	6
Bridge Street	10	12

The Parish Council have decided and as the majority vote was "No to any kind of street lighting in the village" they will not pursue this matter any further.

Some of the other matters raised recently

### **a) A Footpath from Meldreth Road to Church**

**This has now been completed. Please note that the rolled chipping path will not be suitable for horse riders.**

### **b) Traffic Calming**

On going situation, the Parish Council is still pressing for traffic calming measures in Meldreth Road but unfortunately the County Council do not have sufficient funds at this time to implement this. In Bridge Street the Parish Council are aware of the situation and are endeavouring to implement a voluntary reduction in speed.

### **c) A Post Box in Church Street**

The Royal Mail do not consider that the volume of mail justifies another post box in the village, but the Parish Council are endeavouring to get them to change their minds. It should be added that the local postmen/women are always happy to pickup stamped mail, particularly from the elderly or housebound, when they delivery the post.

### **d) Village Hall**

The internal redecoration of the main room is completed. The next phase is the repairs and redecoration to the kitchen area and the repainting of the outside woodwork e.g. windows and doors.

### **e) Tree Planting Initiative**

The next phase of the planting of the hedgerow along the Whaddon Gap will take place shortly. The woodland area to be planted on the footpath to Orwell has been given the go-ahead by the County Council and the tenant of the land, Mr G Capon.

Aileen Bishop, Clerk to the Parish Council

## **Neighbourhood Watch**

We are still hoping to hold a Neighbourhood Watch Meeting before Christmas. PC John Sutton is now appointed to the community & we are liaising to arrange a date. Leaflets will be distributed when a date is fixed, hopefully in November. In the meantime please keep a watchful eye over the Village. If you hear or see anything at all out of the ordinary please let the Co-ordinator, Margaret Wilson (207219) know. If it needs immediate attention ring 999. If you wish to speak to PC Sutton he can be contacted at Melbourn Police Station 01763 260211.

## **CRIME IN VILLAGE**

Communities such as Whaddon are still targeted by thieves. Mr. & Mrs. Neale of Bridge Street and Mr. & Mrs. Wigg of Church Street were burgled recently. Householders should be aware of strangers knocking at the door ostensibly seeking directions. A caller has used the subterfuge of asking the way to Bassingbourn Camp. Another is the window cleaner seeking business. Be aware.

Property was stolen from Paul Clarke's empty house. A stone sink, hosepipe and reel and two garden chairs were taken. Anyone seeing these being removed please contact Selina MacLennan or Dick Searle. Paul's family had given these items, plus the garden tools, to St. Mary's Church.





### George Coningsby

28 November 1911 - 10 August 1995

No one represented the old Whaddon in the way that George did. He personified the village. Born here, educated here, when there was a village school, Baptised, confirmed and blessed in St. Mary's, the Parish Church, a Church for which he and his family have done so much. He followed his father as Churchwarden and was treasurer for many years. He also sang in the choir when that body outnumbered today's congregation.

He put in a mere 26 years on the Governing body of Petersfield School, at Orwell, many as Chairman. A good citizen and a true countryman, he loved everything about this corner of Cambridgeshire - the history, the flora and fauna and particularly the farming. His farming life covered an age in which farming underwent many changes, too numerous to mention, but moving from the old mixed farms with pigs, chickens, milking cows, sheep and cereals, to today's relative monoculture, and EC manipulation. He saw machinery take the place of the beloved horse, and at the age of 80 he was still shearing his own sheep.

One aspect of George's character made strong men quake. Never a great drinker in his youth, he grew to appreciate a drop of scotch. When pouring for his friends he had a very heavy hand - after all one drank a cup of tea. The annoying part of it was - it didn't seem to have much effect on George!

His wife Doris and family still carry on working for the Parish Church. We offer them our sympathy in their bereavement.

Life is a season, and we are privileged and grateful to have shared George's.

**CHRISTMAS GIFT BAZAAR**  
**SATURDAY 25 NOVEMBER AT 10AM**  
 wood turning, xmas decorations, dried flowers  
 Mulled Wine and Mince Pies  
**IN THE CHURCH**



**REMEMBER POPPY WEEK**  
**Remembrance Sunday is 12 November**  
**Services at 9.15 and 10.00 am**  
**in the Parish Church and Methodist**  
**Chapel respectively**



Times of Service in Whaddon

Parish Church: 9.15am

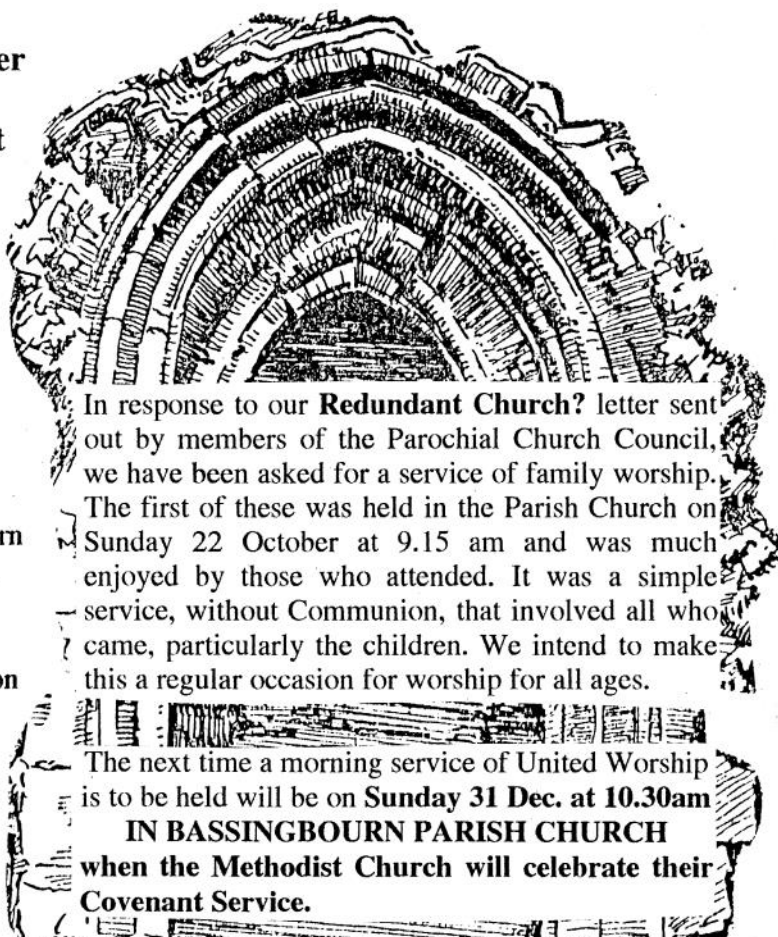
Rev Ted Duckett can be contacted in Bassingbourn  
 Tel: 01763 243119

Methodist Church: 10.00am

Rev Michael Belfield can be contacted in Royston  
 Tel: 01763 230210

Sunday School meets at 10.0am in the Methodist  
 Schoolroom.

Contact Margaret Hewat 01763 247611



In response to our **Redundant Church?** letter sent out by members of the Parochial Church Council, we have been asked for a service of family worship. The first of these was held in the Parish Church on Sunday 22 October at 9.15 am and was much enjoyed by those who attended. It was a simple service, without Communion, that involved all who came, particularly the children. We intend to make this a regular occasion for worship for all ages.

The next time a morning service of United Worship is to be held will be on **Sunday 31 Dec. at 10.30am**  
**IN BASSINGBOURN PARISH CHURCH**  
**when the Methodist Church will celebrate their**  
**Covenant Service.**

**PIPER LIFELINE ALARMS**

These enable elderly or disabled people to call for help even if they cannot reach the telephone.

They are available for sale from Care Network (Southern Cambridgeshire). Please telephone Pat Daniels, 01954 260505 for further details, or for rent from South Cambridgeshire District Council, Tel. Mr J Tremlett, 01223 351795, or ask your local District Councillor for details.



**THE MAORIS ARE COMING TO WHADDON ... SOON ...**

Your contributions to the newsletter are always welcome. Please contact Clare Byatt 207429; Karen Coningsby 207514; Ann Williams 207779; Margaret Wilson 207219.